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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Motoo ASAI et al.

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Examiner: Jose H. ALCALA

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For : PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until July 23, 2003.

Applicants note that this amendment is being filed prior to expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary. However, if any extension of time is necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are requested.